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**IN THE MIDST OF THEIR BATTLE WITH A STATUE EMPOWERED BY THE DRAGON FORCE, BROTHERS JIMMY AND BILLY LEE ENCOUNTERED A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER NAMED STAN ...**

**...THEIR FATHER.**

**THROUGH HIM -- AND THE BOOK OF THE DRAGON -- THEY UNCOVERED THE SECRETS OF THEIR HERITAGE AND ORIGIN...**

**...AS WELL AS THOSE OF THEIR ENEMY, NIGHTFALL.**

**ONCE STAN'S CLOSEST FRIEND, THE MAN KNOWN AS SHINICHI WAS TRANSFORMED BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE DRAGON'S HEART INTO THE AVATAR OF CHAOS!**

**...AND THEN BY APPEARING TO THE DRAGONS VIA HOLOGRAM...**

**...UNVEILING THE SOUL OF THEIR MOTHER, MIRANDA, HELD CHAOTICALLY THESE MANY YEARS.**

**ORDINARILY, THE DRAGONS WOULD ACT UPON THIS KNOWLEDGE ...**

**...BUT AT THE MOMENT, THEY'RE RATHER BUSY ...**

...FIGHTING A  
CITY GONE MAD!!

# LAST OF THE DRAGONS

THE FATEFUL FINALE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY TOM BREVOORT & MIKE KANTEROVICH -- WRITERS SAL VELLUTO -- PENCILER BRIAN YOUNG -- INKS AND LETTERING JEFF COOPER -- COLORIST PAT BROSSEAU -- LETTERER EVAN SKOLNICK -- MANAGING EDITOR FABIAN NICIEZA -- EDITOR TOM DEFALCO -- EDITOR IN CHIEF



LOOKS LIKE  
NIGHTFALL'S  
CALLED UP  
EVERY BARGAIN  
BASEMENT  
HOOD IN TOWN!

AND WHAT  
THESE FIFTH-RATE  
GOONS LACK IN  
FINESSE...

BUDDA,  
BUDDA!

THAK

THUNK

...THEY  
MORE THAN  
MAKE UP FOR IN  
NUMBERS!

TRUE! THERE WOULD  
SEEM TO BE NO END  
TO THIS SEA OF FOES.  
YET, THEY ARE LITTLE  
MORE THAN CAN-  
NON FODDER!

KWAK

BUMF

WHAP

CRIPES! HAVEN'T YOU  
JOKERS LISTENED TO A  
WORD I'VE SAID?

FOR  
ONCE  
WE'RE IN  
TOTAL  
AGREE-  
MENT,  
JIM!

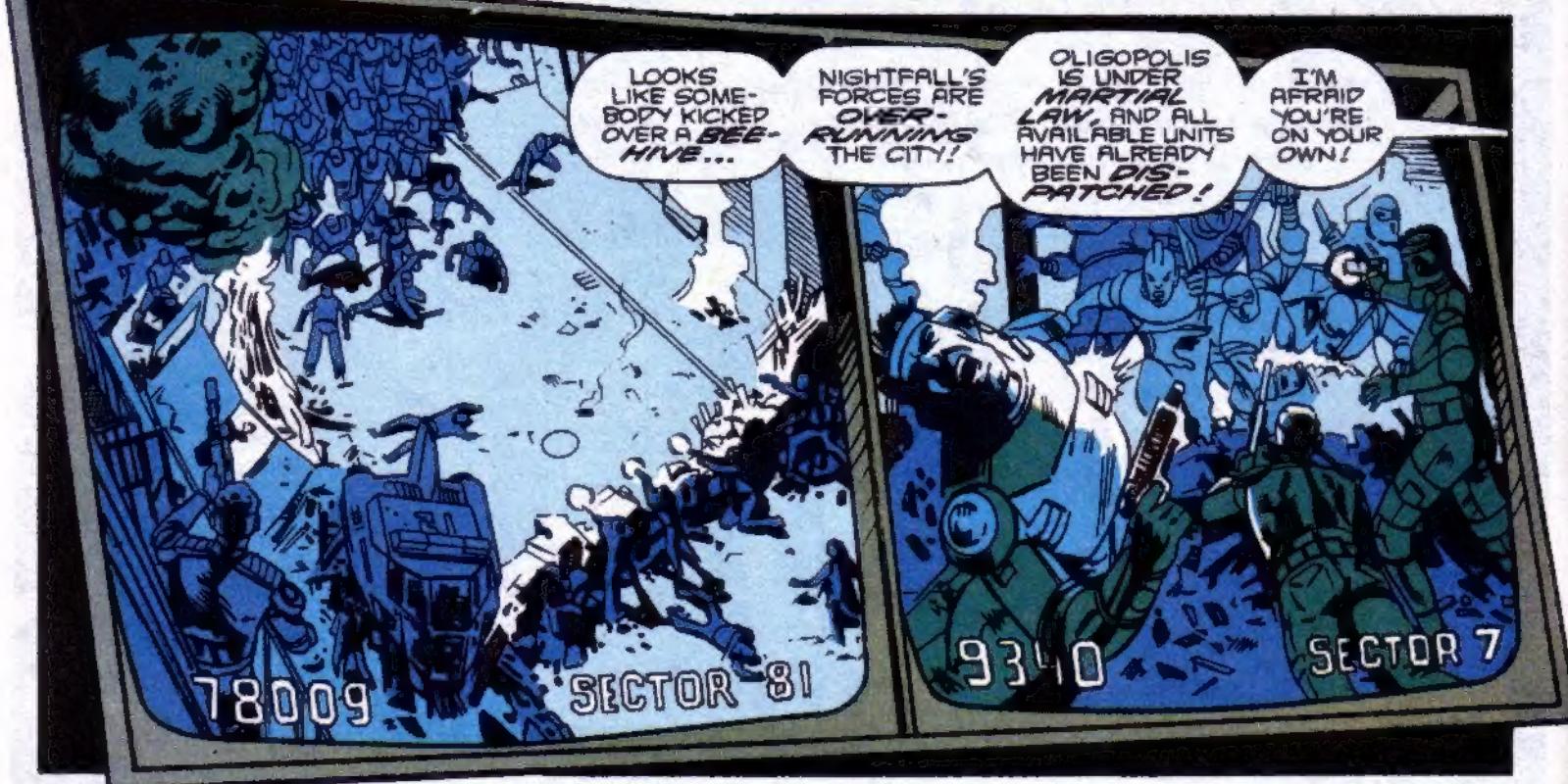
BUT SINCE  
NIGHTFALL ISN'T  
AROUND...

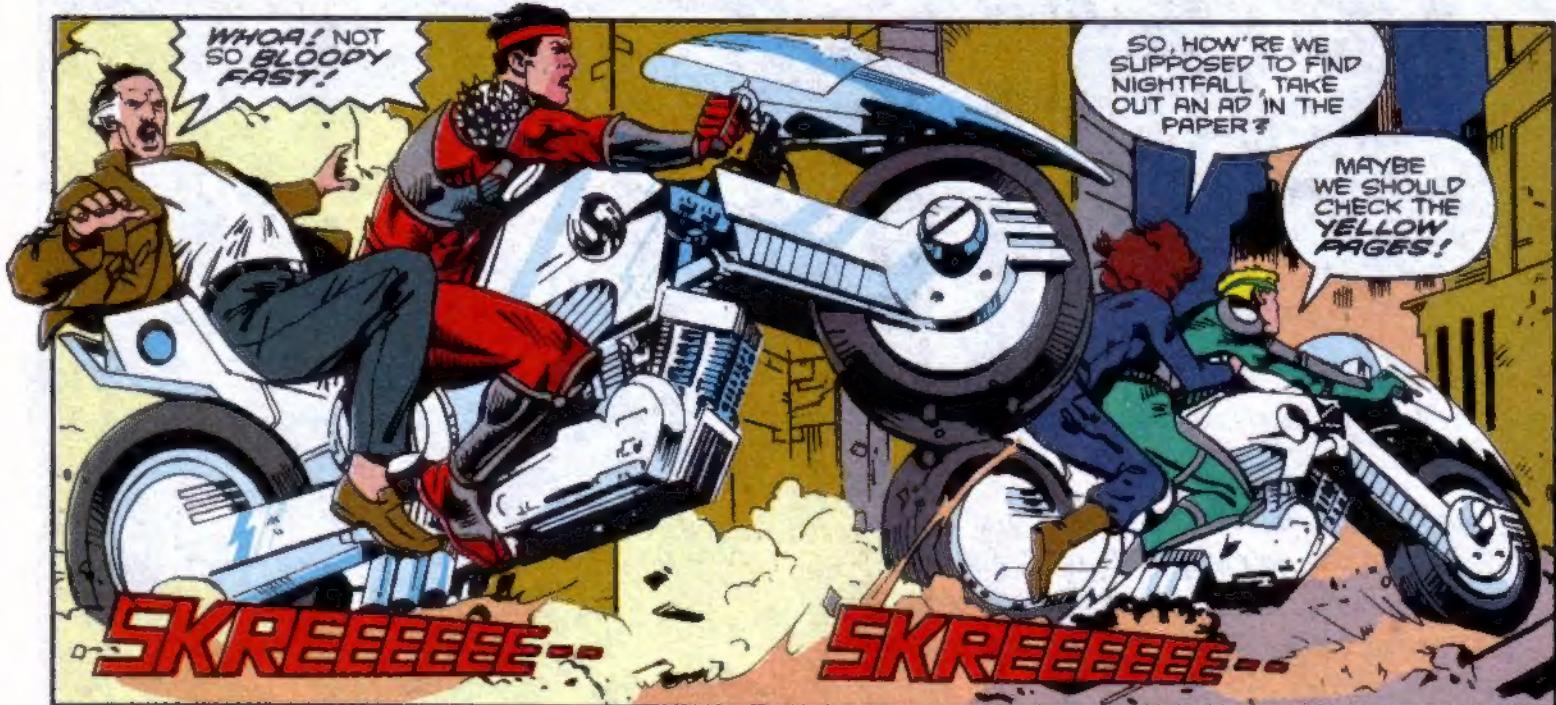
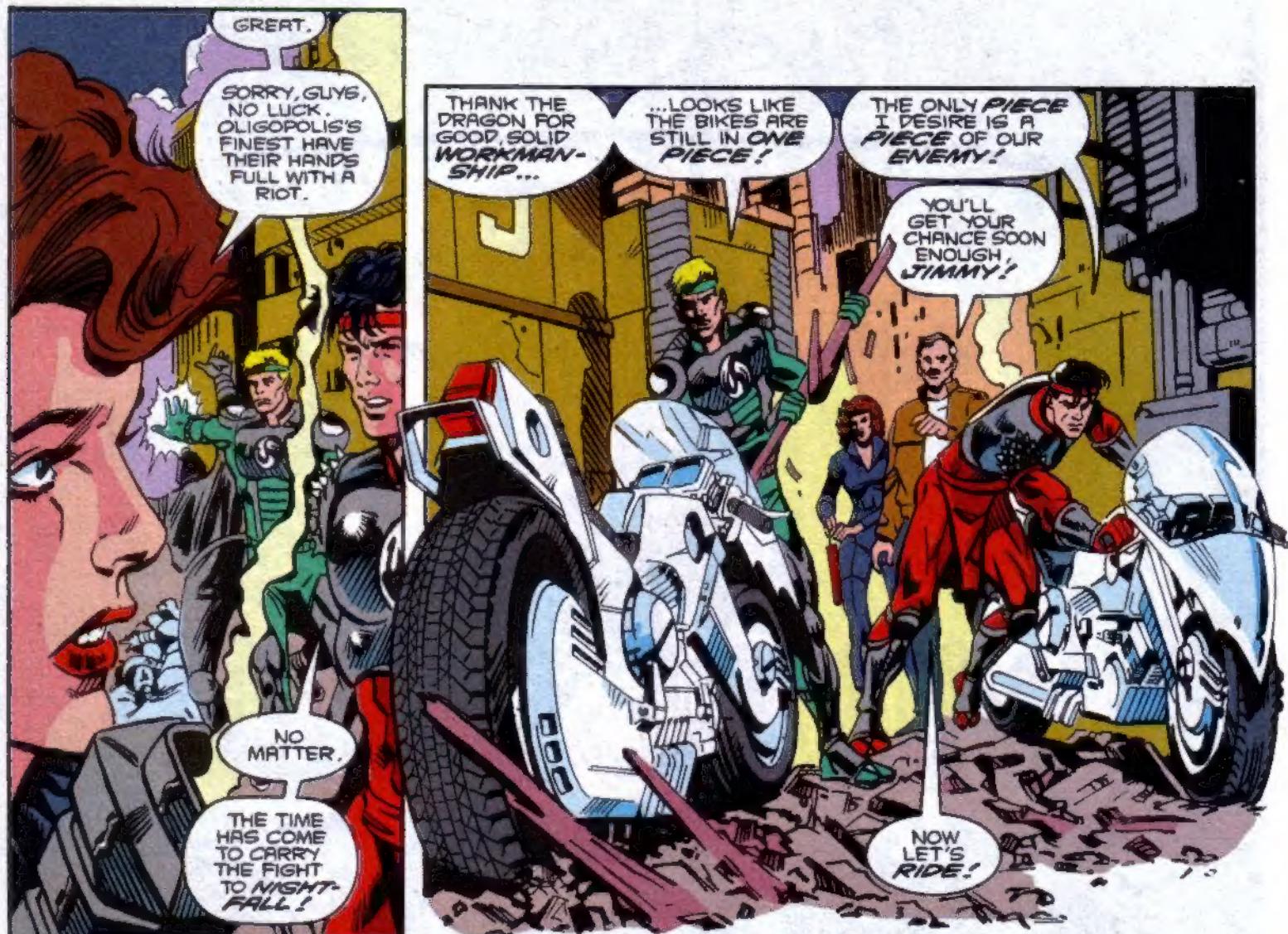
...WHAT  
SAY WE TAKE  
SOME OF OUR  
FRUSTRATIONS  
OUT ON THESE  
BOZO'S?

SSHRRAKK

RANDOM  
VIOLENCE IS  
NOT THE ANSWER  
IN DEALING WITH  
SHINICHI.

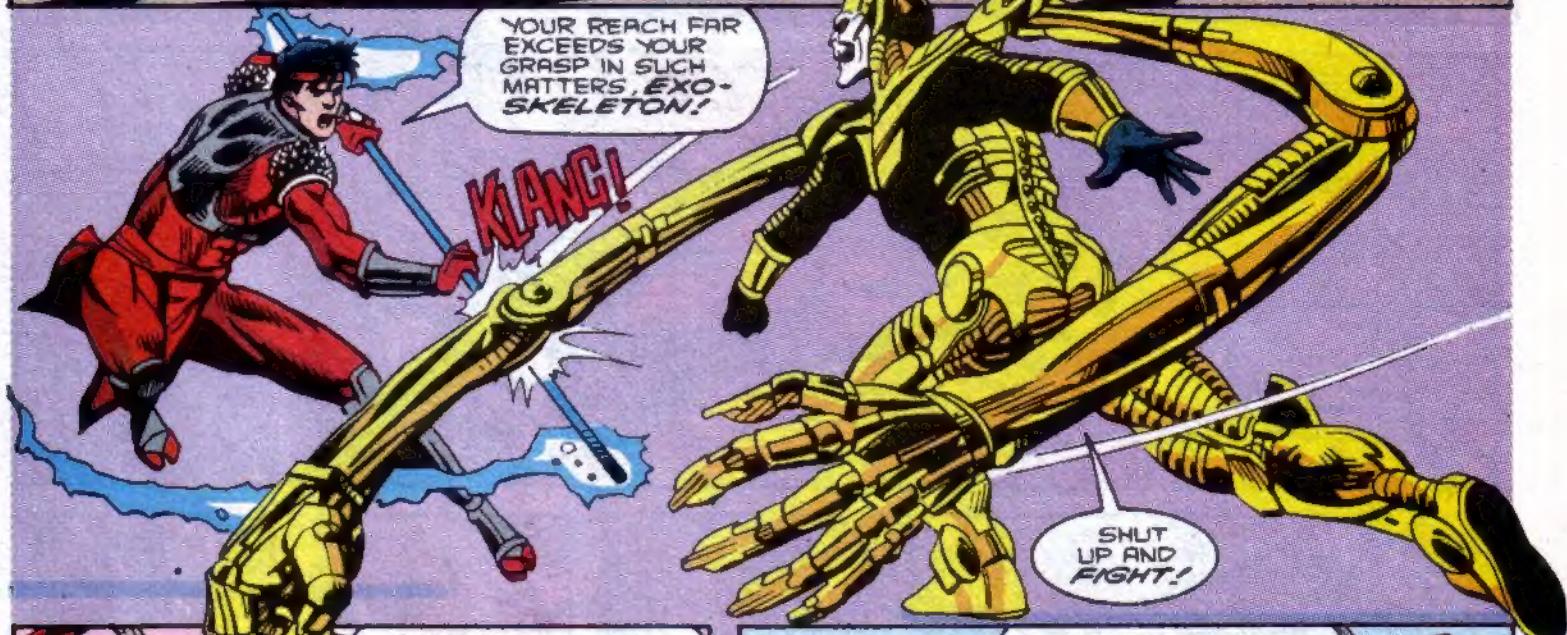
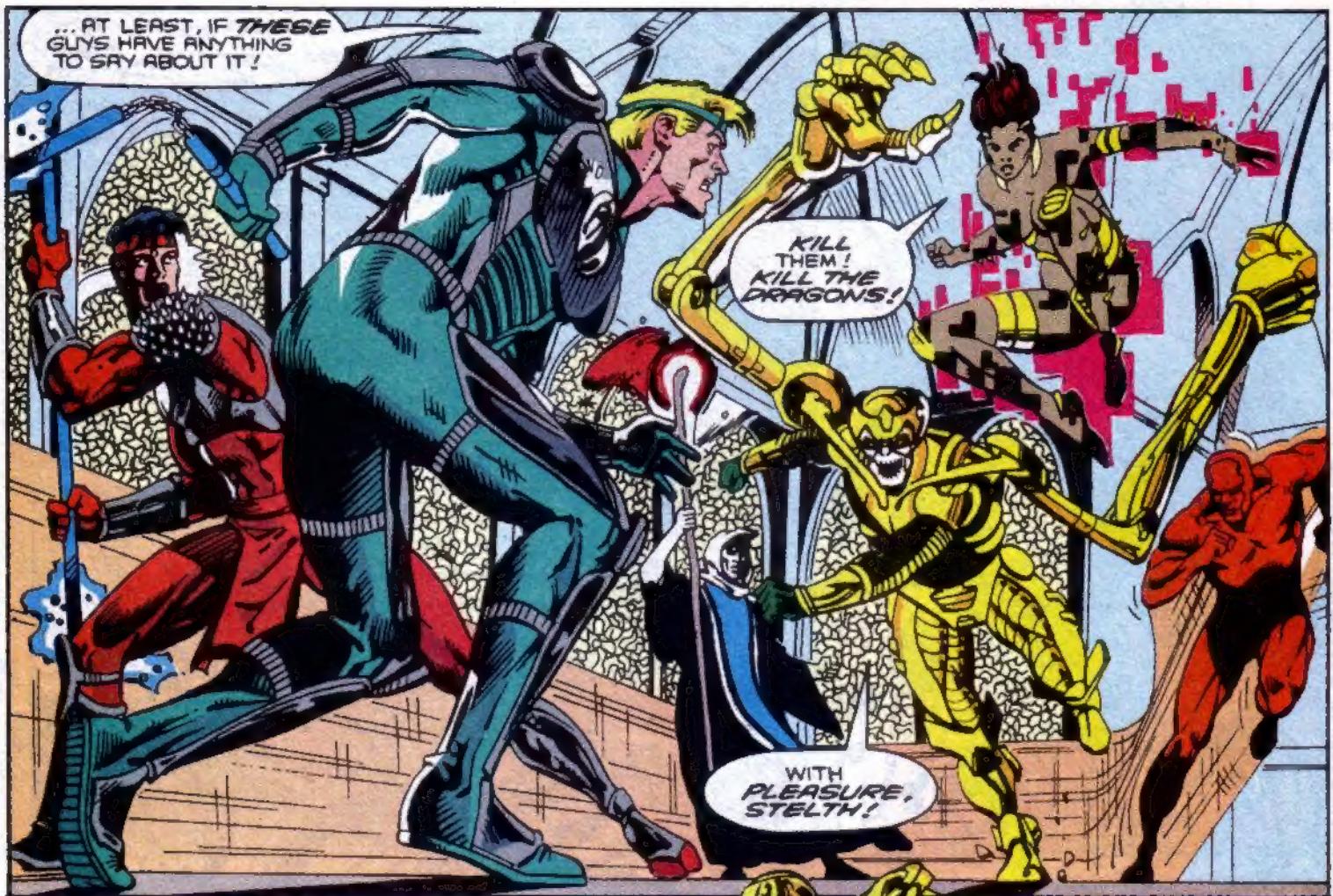
THESE GUYS ARE JUST PAWNS.  
PUTTING THEM IN INTENSIVE  
CARE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!  
USE YOUR POWER FOR YOUR  
OWN GRATIFICATION, AND  
YOU'LL END UP NO BETTER  
THAN MY FORMER FRIEND!

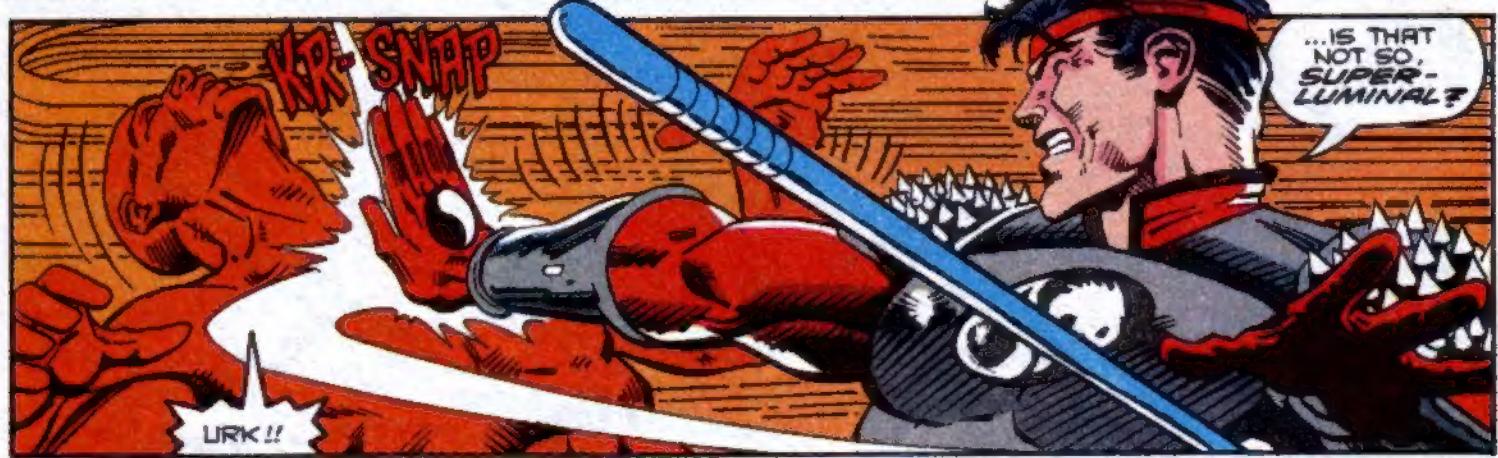






















YOU STOOD  
NOT A CHANCE,  
SONS OF MY  
ENEMY...

...FOR, LONG  
BEFORE YAN REAPED  
THE DRAGON'S HEART,  
THE FORCE I EM-  
BODY HELD SWAY  
FOR UNTOLD  
MILLENNIA!

YOU CANNOT  
OVERCOME IT, FOR  
ITS SEEDS LIE WITHIN  
YOU, AS THEY LIE  
WITHIN ALL MEN. I AM  
YANG, TRANSCENDED,  
WHILE YOU ARE BUT  
A POOR MARRIAGE  
TWIXT YANG AND  
YIN!

THE  
DRAGON LINE  
SHALL END  
THIS NIGHT...

...AND I  
SHALL  
FEAST UPON  
ITS LIVING  
HEART!

JIM--

--REMEM-  
BER--SENSEI  
SAID--NEVER  
G-GIVE IN TO  
DESPAIR!

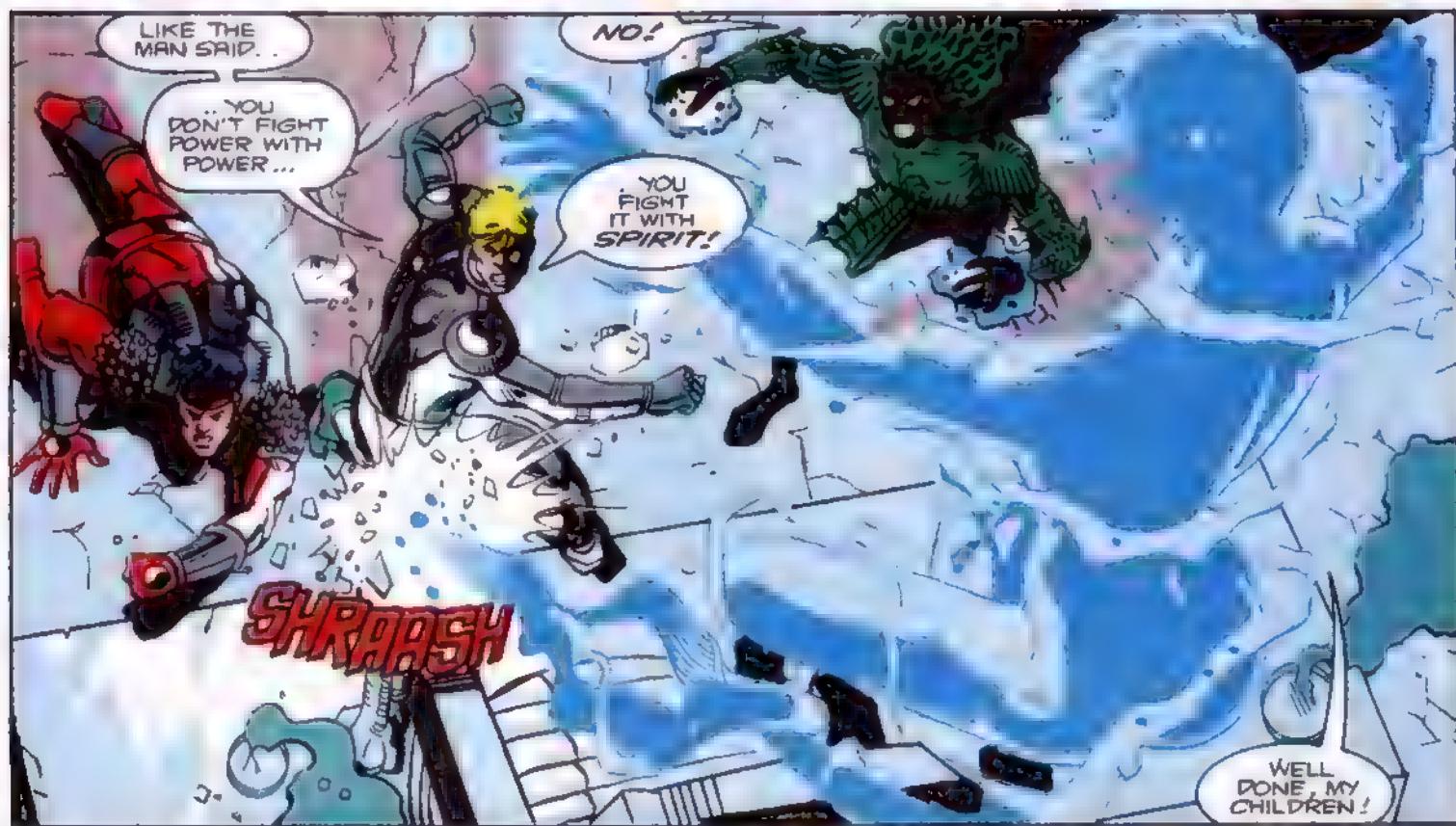
AND THAT  
IF WE FIGHT  
AS ONE, OUR  
VICTORY IS  
ASSURED!

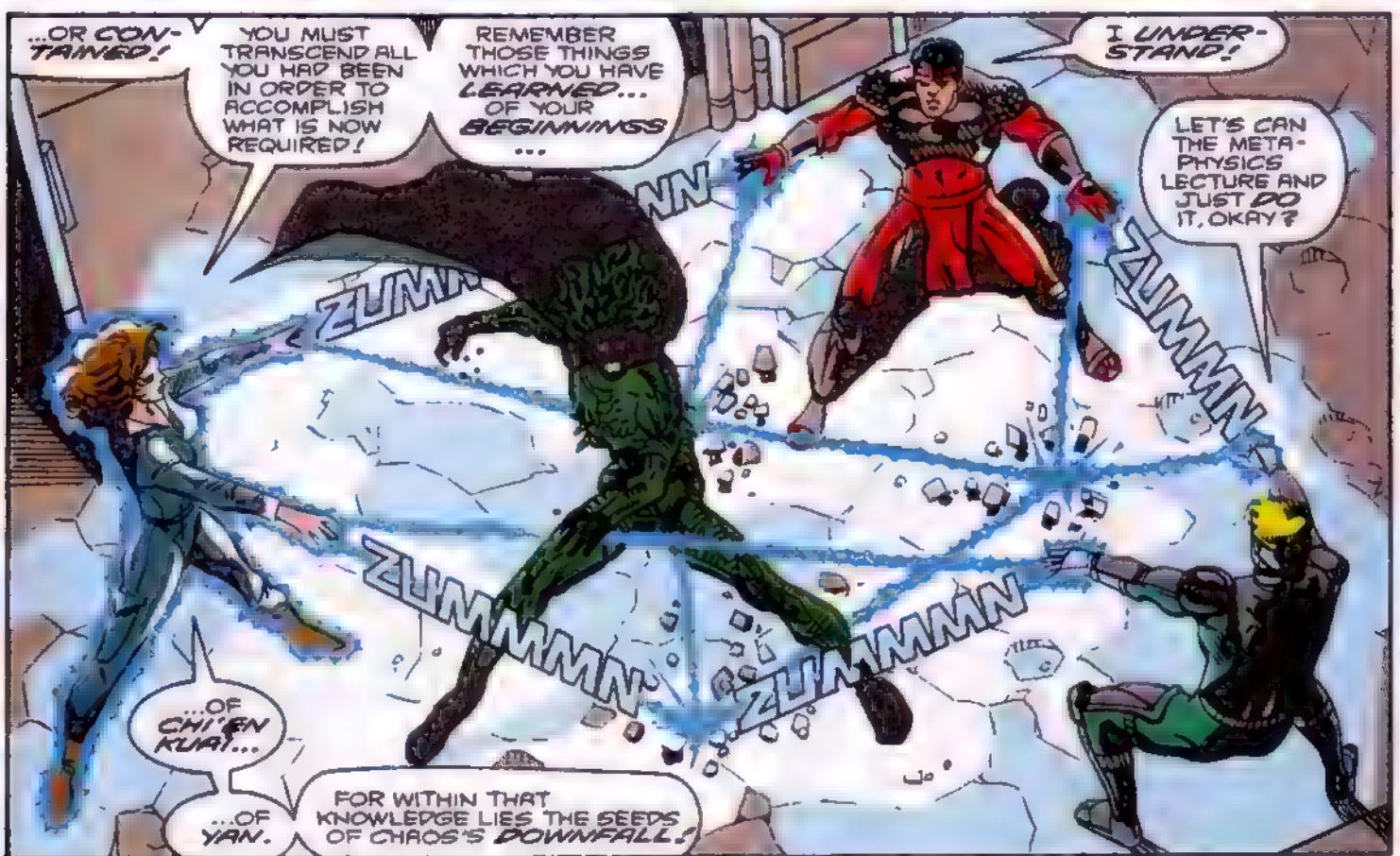
"T-TOGETHER?"

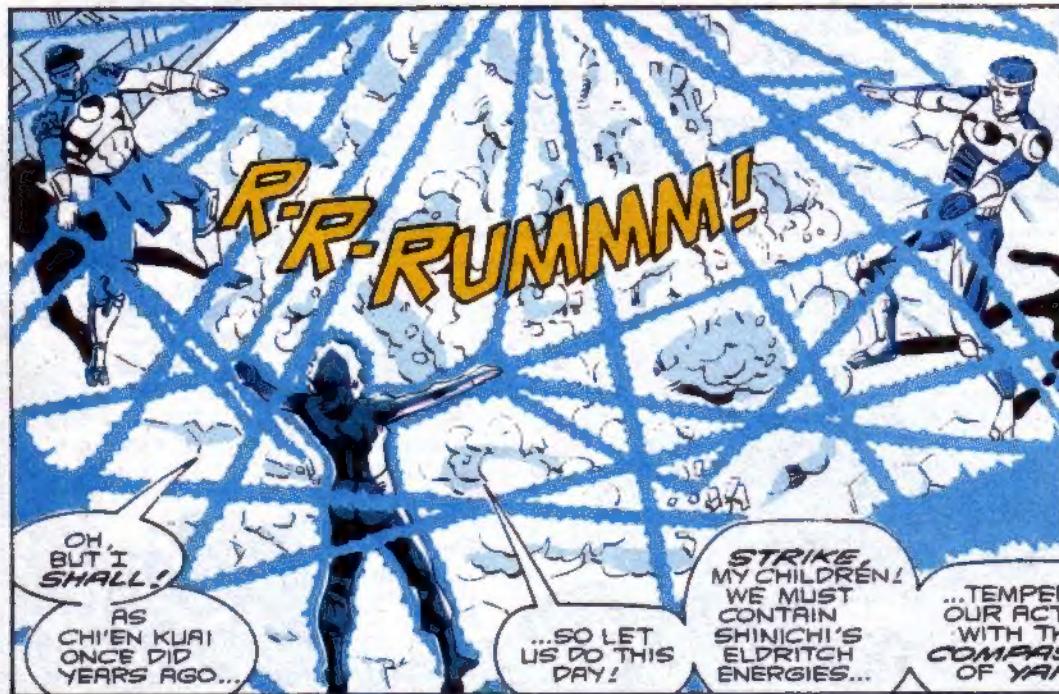
"YES."

"TOGETHER..."













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# DOUBLE TAKES

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As some of you may already know, this is the final issue of the DOUBLE DRAGON Limited Series. We'd like to thank everyone who wrote in and supported us during our short run. Now, if you'd like to see more of Jimmy and Billy Lee in the future, drop us a line and let the powers that be know how you feel!

Before we cruise on outta here, let's reach into the ol' mailbag and see what you readers had to say about our first few issues.

Dear Dragons:

DOUBLE DRAGON #1 was so good, I exploded.

Scott Braden  
3702 Colony Woods  
Sugarland, TX 77479

Well, while Fabian cleans up what's left of Scott, let's move on to letter number two...

Dear Editor:

I hate video games to no end. I guess video games and equipment in the home are okay, but I wouldn't waste my money on the stuff.

However, DOUBLE DRAGON #1 impressed me a lot! The artistic team of Tom Raney and Brad Vancata was sheer dynamite! I loved their attention to details, and the way they choreographed the fight sequences. Their renditions of the Dragons' costumes was mouthwatering. I've re-read the issue several times, and I still can't decide which is my favorite page artwise, because all 31 pages were so good! I hope they'll be the artistic team on DOUBLE DRAGON for a while. It'd be a shame to lose them.

Good writers are hard to find these days, especially in comics. But even harder to find is a writer who can make you believe that it's the screenplay to a big budget film you're reading, rather than a comic book. Dwayne McDuffie is such a writer. Throughout my reading of "Enter the Double Dragon", I kept imagining such actors as Dennis Quaid, Steven Segal, Sylvester Stallone and even Arnold Schwarzenegger portraying William and James Lee on the big silver screen, and it was Dwayne's skill as a writer supreme that made such a feat possible! To this reader, DOUBLE DRAGON #1 was an extraordinarily vivid vision of the world's future. Dwayne has done his homework well, and he knows how to write excellent comic book stories. I suspect McDuffie's is a voice we'll be hearing more of in the future. Right now, he's the most exciting writer in comics since Mickey Spillane left

the field in the late 40's. I can't wait to read #2!

DOUBLE DRAGON #1 is the only good thing to come out of video games since they were invented. This is one aspect of the video game craze that I don't mind letting go of my hard-earned money for!

Hector Rambla  
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Well, Hector, while DOUBLE DRAGON is history for the time being, you can still find the work of "the most exciting writer in comics" every month in DEATHLOK! Check it out—it's well worth your hard-earned money, too!

Dear Dragoneers:

Forget the limited series notion, make this an ongoing title!

The story is good, but the art is the best there is! Keep Jarvinen, Butler and Vancata chained to their desks. They are a major find. What have they done before this?

I haven't been this excited since Logan got his own book!

Ken Shapiro  
(Address Withheld by Request)

Both Kirk Jarvinen and Stephen Butler are somewhat new to the industry, Ken, but if you liked what you saw here, then you might want to consider checking out Kirk's artwork on the upcoming NOMAD series, while Stephen can be found drawing issues of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN.

Dear Double Dragon staff:

I have to admit a comic based on a video game is the last thing I thought would interest me, but it did. I think the idea of changing artists each issue is great, but either Raney or the Jarvinen/Butler team would be great to settle down with. Arthur Adams' cover was great, and I hope to see other famous artists doing covers in the future.

I haven't seen one yet, but I hope there is a letters page in the future. Maybe you've been reluctant because you haven't found a title for the page. How about The Dragon's Lair or Dragon Tales?

Stephen Schwartz  
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As you can see, Stephen, we now have a letters page title (albeit for only one issue...) Glad you liked Raney's and Jarvinen's work, but what did you think

of sterling Sal Velluto, who penciled our last two issues?

Dear Double Dragon writers:

I am a big fan of your new book, DOUBLE DRAGON. I love the art, and the plots are great!

I was very sad to see Sensei leave the book. Billy has great potential, but he must take his fights a little more seriously. Jimmy is my favorite character. However, I think that he is too serious, and could benefit from using a wider range of kicks (including Billy's favorite, the jump kick.)

I have just finished reading issue #3 and I just had to write back to comment. I was crushed to find out that Billy used blinding dazzle-stars against Jimmy. I was positive that Jimmy would win his fight against Billy, and I don't think that Billy fought a fair fight. I hope to see Billy and Jimmy fight again, even if it is only while they are practicing, because I'm sure that Jimmy is the better warrior.

In closing, I'd like to say that I really enjoy DOUBLE DRAGON, and I hope it continues for a long time to come.

Brandon Jeffries  
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Opinion was widely split regarding the Billy vs. Jimmy bout, as our next letter-writer will attest...

Dear People at Marvel Who Do DOUBLE DRAGON:

Hil I don't know how to begin a good letter, so I'll just start with something positive. The art's great, except when there are close-ups of Billy.

By the way, I'm glad Billy won the battle of the brothers. I'm sick and tired of the stupid cliché of, "Only by constant practice can we hone our abilities to the razor's edge." If Jimmy would have won, I would have puked all over the comic!

Now, one final request. Keep Sensei dead. I mean, if a guy's dead, he's dead. There's been too much resurrection crud in the X-MEN.

So, until Marian gives up the Dragons and falls for Exo-Skeleton, make mine Marvell

David Humphrey  
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There's not much chance of Sensei coming back in the near future, David. In fact, there's not much chance of ANY of the cast returning unless reader support is overwhelming! Cast your vote for DOUBLE DRAGON today!